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Submitted herewith is an Amendment After Final Rejection relating to the above-identified patent application. There is no additional claim fee due in connection with the amendment. In the event of non-payment or improper payment of a required fee, the Commissioner is authorized to charge or to credit **Deposit Account No. 50-0762** as required to correct the error. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

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In response to the final outstanding Office Action, dated September 5, 2002, please
amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as indicated below. A version of the claims which has been
marked to show all changes is included as an Appendix.

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1. (Twice Amended) A method for generating a configuration file for at least one firewall
in a network, said network including a plurality of hosts, said method comprising the steps of:

receiving a definition for a plurality of roles that specify the ability of a host to send and
receive packets, wherein each of said roles may be assigned to said hosts independently of a topology of
said network, such that said hosts inherit said definitions associated with an assigned role;

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receiving an assignment of said roles to said hosts in said network; and